

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO

Local Workforce Investment Board for the City and County of San Francisco

Draft Minutes of The

June 7, 2023

Meeting of the Workforce Investment San Francisco (WISF)

War Memorial Veterans Building, Green Room, 2nd Floor

San Francisco, CA 94102

WISF Members Present

Jeanine Cotter, Acting Chair, Luminalt Solar
Alex Hwu, on behalf of Lynn Mahoney, SFSU
Alex Wong, Kaiser Permanente
Bruce Callander, Hub International
Charley Lavery, Operating Engineers Local 3
David Martin, City College of San Francisco
Edward Battista, Sutter Health
Julie Fallon, Marriott

Kim Tavaglione, SF Labor Council
Lori Dunn-Guion, Swinerton
Matt Dorsey, SF Board of Supervisors
Michon Coleman, Hospital Council of Northern &
Central California
Tony Delorio, Teamsters Local Union No. 665
Shanell Williams, UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative

WISF Members Absent

Angela Tamayo, SEIU-UHW
Cynthia Gomez, UNITE HERE Local 2
John Doherty, IBEW Local 6
Jorge Tapia, CA EDD
Laurie Thomas, Golden Gate Restaurant Association
Meaghan Mitchell, San Francisco Standard

Sam Rodriguez, Rodriguez Strategic Partners, LLC
Shamann Walton, San Francisco Board of
Supervisors
Vikrum Aiyer, ACLU
Ramon Hernandez, Laborers Local 261
Safiya Miller, Microsoft Corp
Theresa Woo, CA Dept. of Rehabilitation

Ohlone Land Acknowledg- ment, Announce- ments & Housekeeping (Discussion Item)

Secretary Iris Rollins (OEWD) opened the meeting by reciting the Ohlone Land Acknowledgement and informing the public that WISF would conduct a swearing-in before starting the meeting. Mayor's Liaison to Boards and Commissions Tyra Fennell swore in the Workforce Investment San Francisco (WISF) members.

Roll Call (Discussion Item)

Jeanine Cotter, Acting Chair of WISF, introduced herself, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Secretary Rollins conducted roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

Chair's Welcome (Discussion Item)

Acting Chair Cotter thanked WISF members and the general public for attending the hybrid WISF meeting at the War Memorial Green Room and remotely on Zoom.

Adoption of the Agenda (Action Item)

Acting Chair Cotter directed WISF members to review the agenda. Next, Acting Chair Cotter solicited comments from WISF members. Seeing none, Acting Chair Cotter asked for a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Member Lavery made the motion, which was seconded by Member Delorio and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2023 Meeting
(Action Item)

Acting Chair Cotter directed WISF members to review the March 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Next, Acting Chair Cotter solicited comments from WISF members. Seeing none, Acting Chair Cotter requested to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 1, 2023, meeting. Member Lavery made the motion which was seconded by Member Callander and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – San Francisco WIOA MOU 2022-2025 and San Francisco Local Area Subsequent Designation and Recertification
(Action Item)

Acting Chair Cotter introduced the consent agenda, which includes two items for approval. The San Francisco Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Memorandum of Understanding for 2022-2025 and the San Francisco Local Area Designation and Local Board Recertification. These items were previously discussed and reviewed by the WISF Executive Committee on May 19th and passed. Acting Chair Cotter directed the WISF members to review the two items and solicited comments or questions prior to approval.

Seeing none, Acting Chair Cotter asked for a motion to approve the San Francisco WIOA Memorandum of Understanding for 2022-2025 and the San Francisco Local Area Designation and Local Board Recertification. Member Tavaglione made the motion which was seconded by Member Williams and passed unanimously.

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**Board
Member
Introductions**
(Discussion
Item)

Acting Chair Cotter welcomed new board members and requested them to share their background and reasons for joining the WISF. Acting Chair Cotter acknowledged the recent appointments of several new board members, including San Francisco Supervisor Matt Dorsey, City College Chancellor Dr. David Martin, Senior Director of Workforce Development at Salesforce Nikki Tosiello, Director of Real Estate and Development at San Francisco Giants Iowayna Peña, President of Hub International Bruce Callander, and Community and Government Relations Manager at Kaiser Permanente Alex Wong. Acting Chair Cotter introduced San Francisco Supervisor Matt Dorsey as the first new member to provide an introduction.

Member Dorsey expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on WISF. He briefly shared his background, mentioning that he moved to San Francisco after college and has grown to love the city. Member Dorsey then discussed his professional experience, including working for the District Attorney and managing campaigns. He worked in Washington, D.C. for the Democratic National Committee during the Clinton administration and later served as the Communications Director for City Attorney Dennis Herrera for 14 years. Member Dorsey highlighted some significant cases he was involved in, such as marriage equality, consumer protection, and labor rights. He concluded by expressing his dedication to WISF and his role as a City Supervisor, considering it the honor of his career.

Member Martin expressed his enthusiasm for being appointed and highlighted the significance of being part of meaningful conversations that impact the residents and the future of San Francisco. Member Martin emphasized City College's pride in its workforce programs and the opportunity to develop more programs that serve the city's needs. He shared his professional background as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), starting his career at Ernst & Young and later taking companies public through the IPO process. Member Martin mentioned that his transition to higher education was unexpected but expressed his excitement for the role. He then discusses his previous positions, including being the Chief Financial Officer at City College, the Superintendent and President at the Monterey Peninsula Community College District, and eventually returning to City College as the Chancellor. Member Martin expressed gratitude for the opportunity and looks forward to reestablishing partnerships and connections. Member Martin shared excitement to meet other board members and participate in WISF's future endeavors.

Member Callander, a San Francisco native, expressed his honor to be present at the meeting and his love for the city. He shared his experience with the Boys and Girls Clubs, having worked there as a young man and served on the board for the past 15 years, including as the Board Chair and on multiple committees. Member Callander works in the insurance business and has been in the industry for 20 years. He started a small brokerage firm, which he later sold to Hub International, one of the world's top five brokers, where he currently works. Member Callander explained his motivation for joining WISF, recounting an encounter with a community member facing difficulties in her life and providing her with an opportunity that transformed her situation. This inspired him to establish a nonprofit called the San Francisco Insurance Academy, teaching insurance skills to welfare recipients, helping them obtain licenses, and securing job placements. Member Callander's gratifying experience led him to collaborate with the State of California to establish an apprenticeship program. He believes that jobs are crucial in changing people's lives and expressed his commitment to helping individuals and making San Francisco a better place.

Member Wong shared his background, mentioning that although he was born in San Francisco, he grew up mainly on the East Coast. He had worked in campaigns and government throughout his career, including for several members of Congress in Washington, D.C. After obtaining his Master's in Health Policy, he moved to California and spent six years in the State Legislature, most recently working for Senator Scott Wiener. Alex explained that Kaiser's interest, as well as his own, in serving WISF was related to the labor shortage affecting the healthcare industry and the country as a whole. The pandemic highlighted the need for healthcare services while also causing burnout among healthcare staff. He pointed out that over half of

Kaiser's workforce lived outside the city, missing out on the opportunity to contribute to the local economy due to the high cost of living. Member Wong believed healthcare was an excellent field for employment and career growth and saw the potential for collaboration between Kaiser and the city to attract and retain talented individuals. He emphasized that a thriving workforce and economy benefited both Kaiser's members and the city.

Acting Chair Cotter expressed excitement and gratitude for the presence of each board member, acknowledging the diverse range of experiences they brought to the table. She thanked them for their participation, highlighting the importance of their service, education, skill acquisition, involvement in nonprofits, and political experience. Acting Chair Cotter opened the floor for any comments, questions, or discussions from the board members. Seeing none, Acting Chair Cotter moved to the next agenda item.

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**Workforce
Director's
Report**
*(Discussion
Item)*

Acting Chair Cotter introduced OEWD Workforce Director Joshua Arce to provide updates to the Executive Committee. Director Arce welcomed the new WISF members, recognizing their workforce development experience expertise. He noted the addition of new business members supports WISF to collaborate across various sectors to advance the city's economic and workforce development goals. Director Arce expressed gratitude to the War Memorial and Local 16 teams for their assistance in facilitating a smooth meeting. He also acknowledged the efforts of the WISF's leadership and staff. Director Arce introduced Deputy Director of Workforce Janan Howell; Director of Workforce Strategy Chad Houston; Jen Hand, Workforce Alignment Manager; Glenn Eagleson, Workforce Policy Manager; Kayla Gordon, Sr. Dream Keeper Initiative & Workforce Alignment Specialist; Secretary Iris Rollins; Mark Hogains; Derek Remski; Armina Brown; Tai Seals-Jackson; and other volunteers and staff members.

Director Arce provided an overview of the unemployment rate in San Francisco as a key performance indicator, noting that business leaders, labor leaders, and community leaders have joined forces to integrate workforce development with economic recovery efforts.

San Francisco saw a drop in the unemployment rate from March to April, going from 3% to 2.7%. In San Francisco, there were 15,500 unemployed individuals actively looking for work. Prior to the pandemic, the unemployment rate was at or around 2%, then went up to 14%, but San Francisco has made a remarkable recovery.

Director Arce notes OEWD's partnership with Member Tapia, who represents the California Employment Development Department, and EDD provides jobs data. OEWD looks at the number of jobs in the San Francisco metropolitan area to understand the employment rates. He notes there have been fluctuations in the construction industry, with a significant impact on the loss of downtown plumbers and electricians. However, other areas of work have picked up, such as projects in need of financing, public projects, the airport, and other PUC-driven work.

Director Arce noted that tourism and leisure are the primary drivers of the San Francisco economy, and that the industry has grown 5.6% since December 2022.

Taking a more granular view, Director Arce discussed how construction saw a slight dip. Director Arce highlighted the increased jobs in healthcare, with 5,500 more positions, and a 15% increase in administrative roles since the beginning of the year.

Director Arce emphasized the successful Hospitality and Small Business job fair, which required an all-hands-on-deck approach. Hotel representatives, the Office of Small Business, labor council members, the Janitors Union Local 87, community partners, and staff from OEWD worked together. Director Arce played a video showcasing the success stories from the fair, highlighting the employment turnaround.

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/san-francisco/hospitality-small-business-job-fair-san-francisco/3204030/>

Director Arce provided remarks on the establishment of the Committee on City Workforce Alignment aimed to ensure effective coordination of workforce development investments among City departments and stakeholders and its progress from the first meeting.

Director Arce concluded by mentioning milestones in CityBuild Academy, including project-specific programs with the Chase Center and the San Francisco Giants' Mission Rock Academy, providing training opportunities for individuals to contribute to city development projects. He also mentioned the fifth graduation of the CityEMT program. He acknowledged and expressed support of Attica Bowden, the founder, who has had five cohorts and graduated 110 individuals, with another cohort with San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 next in line for graduation.

Acting Chair Cotter opened the floor to member comment. Member Callander asked Director Arce to clarify the definition of unemployment. Director Arce mentioned the indicated definition was from the EDD methodology of reviewing payroll and tax reporting data and wage base data from EDD. Director Arce noted more information could be provided directly from EDD. Through the Chair, Workforce Alignment Manager Jen Hand added that EDD uses unemployment claim data for any claimants looking for work in the last twelve months, but if individuals have been unemployed for more than twelve months, they might not be captured in the numbers.

Member Lavery expressed appreciation for the information shared and conveyed enthusiasm for the job fair. He suggested organizing a multi-sector job fair, recalling a successful event held at the Rec Center in the past. Member Lavery emphasized the importance of not limiting job seekers to a single sector, as they may discover appealing opportunities outside their initial focus. He also highlighted the significance of breaking down barriers between college graduates and non-college graduates, allowing individuals to explore diverse options. Member Lavery believed that hosting a multi-sector job fair would increase both the number of participants and the range of available opportunities. He referenced the previous successful event and expressed a desire to see a similar event in the future. Director Arce responded positively, sharing that OEWD is considering a neighborhood-specific approach for the next job fair.

Member Wong inquired about the employment status of job seekers who attended the job fair and if OEWD has that data. Through the Chair, Director Arce mentioned OEWD is actively enrolling participants in WorkforceLink job matching system and can determine the reason for those who are unemployed. He also noted that participants were a diverse group, including individuals who had recently lost their jobs, those who had been unemployed for an extended period, and individuals seeking better or additional employment. Director Arce emphasized the importance of meeting job seekers where they were and facilitating immediate interviews and offers, as it benefitted both employers and workers.

Acting Chair Cotter solicited additional questions from members.

Member Tavaglione raised the question of colleges participating in the job fair and expressed concerns about declining industries. They specifically asked if counselors were available to help individuals transition to the tech or healthcare sectors and provide information on relevant programs. Director Arce clarified that the job fair primarily involved community partners who offer training programs. Member Wong added that community navigators and workforce development programs were accessible to support individuals with transitions. Additionally, board members have shown interest in obtaining data regarding the individuals served by WISF.

Acting Chair Cotter moved on to the next agenda item.

**AB 593
Retention
Data Update
(Discussion
Item)**

Acting Chair Cotter introduced Workforce Policy Analyst Glenn Eagleson. Mr. Eagleson thanked Chair Cotter and provided the AB 593 Retention Data update. Mr. Eagleson discussed the importance of accessing retention data from the EDD to measure the effectiveness of OEWD programs. He explained that previously OEWD had limited access to data due to legal restrictions, but through partnership with the California Workforce Association and the passage of legislation, OEWD gained access to a broader range of data for all its programs. These data include information on wages, industry sectors, and long-term outcomes. By utilizing these data, OEWD can provide a more comprehensive picture of program impact. OEWD has received its first round of data and will continue to analyze it to assess client outcomes. Additionally, obtaining these data prompted OEWD to reassess its data collection practices and make improvements to ensure clarity and privacy for clients. Mr. Eagleson expressed gratitude to partners at EDD for their collaboration throughout the process.

Acting Chair Cotter asked Mr. Eagleson if, from the first data request, WISF will have access to information on retention and wages. Mr. Eagleson assured her the trend data would be available in a few quarters and available at that time.

Acting Chair Cotter solicited questions from members. Seeing none, Acting Chair Cotter moved to the next agenda item.

**FY 2023-25
WIOA Grant
Recommendations
(Action Item)**

Acting Chair Cotter introduced Director Arce to present on the FY 2023-2025 WIOA Grant Recommendations. Director Arce emphasized the importance of job opportunities and job quality in making budget decisions, and he mentioned the four policy priorities set by the Mayor, including economic recovery, public safety, reducing homelessness, and equity in services. Director Arce highlighted funding sources, with around \$37.2 million in total dollars, including \$33.7 million in local funding and \$4.4 million in federal funding. He noted that community feedback and stakeholder input were considered in the decision-making process. Funding reductions were proposed for underutilized programs and sectors with low job placements. Investments in neighborhood job centers, young adult programs, and hospitality training were highlighted. Director Arce mentioned the decrease in funding for community resource hubs, but efforts were made to backfill some of the resources to continue supporting local businesses and job seekers. Director Arce highlighted that the proposed investment was about \$34 million across 83 grants.

Member Lavery asked a clarifying question on the budget presented on Slide 4 around whether the costs in the table for pilot programs indicates a budget decrease for both equity and economic recovery initiatives, despite appearing to be an increase. Director Arce acknowledged that Member Lavery was correct and it was a decrease.

Director Arce introduced Deputy Director of Workforce Development, Janan Howell to discuss the budget. Director Howell provided an overview of the budget and program areas. She mentioned the workforce system serves over 7,000 individuals annually, primarily through job centers. Director Howell discussed the Comprehensive Job Center as a one-stop shop and highlighted Neighborhood and Specialized Job Centers catering to specific populations. Director Howell highlighted the budget proposals for these centers. Additionally, Director Howell addressed the Young Adult portfolio investments which focused on transitional-age youth and programs like Reconnecting All through Multiple Pathways (RAMP) and Young Adult Subsidized Employment. Director Howell discussed the sector training models, including TechSF, HealthCare Academy, and CityBuild Academy training programs. Director Howell discussed Industries of Opportunity, such as the Frontline Essentials program, CityDrive, and Advanced Manufacturing, as well as other opportunities currently out to bid. She discussed equity pilots for individuals without work documentation and partnerships with Native American communities. Director Howell highlighted economic recovery centers offering various services. Director Howell also highlighted the Dream Keeper Initiative focused on workforce programming for the Black and African American community, including educational pathways, health services, community research, and support for artists.

Director Arce noted that the presented FY 2023-24 WIOA-Funded Grants slide provided the most detailed information regarding the 12 grants, which required the WISF's oversight per federal law governing administration of WIOA dollars. Director Arce clarified that Grant 12 in the prepared presentation referred to the Hospitality Initiative Occupational Skills Training Provider rather than the Hospitality Initiative Coordinator, as presented.

Director Arce sought approval from WISF to invest in WIOA Adult, WIOA Young Adult, and WIOA Dislocated Worker grant categories. This approval would ensure seamless collaboration with community partners starting from July 1st. Director Arce emphasized the ongoing belief in the importance of the tech industry, despite changes and a slowdown in tech SF apprentice placements in the private sector. He expressed excitement about potential grants through the state workforce board and collaborations with San Francisco City College, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Technology, and IFPTE Local 21.

Acting Chair Cotter solicited questions from members.

Member Williams thanked the Mayor for her investments and Director Arce and Director Howell for budget updates. Member Williams asked if they anticipate any reductions to the budget. Director Arce informed Member Williams the budget has been approved by the Mayor.

Member Wong noted that Director Arce mentioned a reduction of \$6 million in federal COVID funds, with a portion of it being offset by \$2.7 million. Member Wong inquired about the remaining \$4 million and what it was allocated for in the past.

Director Howell mentioned that the economic recovery resource hubs were initially established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as the situation stabilized, OEWD recognized that there was an ongoing need in the community to address disparities and provide comprehensive services beyond workforce support. Despite a reduction in funding, OEWD remains committed to sustaining these resource hubs and supporting the community members.

Acting Chair Cotter opened the floor for public comment.

Jameel Patterson, who appeared in person, introduced his organization, the new Community Leadership Foundation, where he serves as the Associate Director. The foundation aims to improve the Black community including, artists, entrepreneurs, and individuals who want to start businesses or create nonprofits to give back. He mentioned recent newsworthy activities, such as opening a new black-owned business and a successful event called the Gumbo Social. Additionally, Mr. Patterson highlighted a number of events including a film premiere for a movie about a local boxer named Raquel Miller and an event at Gilman Park focused on suicide awareness. He shared that Bayview-Hunters Point and Fillmore, neighborhoods in San Francisco, may have a negative reputation but stressed that ongoing activities like the Dream Keeper Initiative were helping transform the perception of the area. Mr. Patterson encouraged supporting the community's growth and investing in local tech enthusiasts, who hosted events that brought people together from different backgrounds. He believed investing in the city and its people, including the youth in technology, would contribute to its growth.

Delano Seymour, appearing by Zoom, introduced himself. He expressed his appreciation for the emphasis on investment in the meeting's title. He acknowledged that corporate America often overlooks the importance of investing in San Francisco, but he praised the director for recognizing the need to adapt investments based on changing circumstances. He highlighted the volatility of the tech and hospitality sectors and stressed the importance of being ready to reinvest in new opportunities when previous investments don't yield the desired results. Mr. Seymour commended the director for embracing this approach. He also mentioned the issue of affordability in San Francisco, noting that many people who desire to live there cannot afford to do so. However, he acknowledged that there are residents who are able to sustain themselves and participate in investments. He concluded by commending everyone in the room for being investors and thanked them for their efforts.

Carlo Solis, appearing by Zoom, the COO of Enterprise for Youth, expressed his gratitude to the entire board. He acknowledged that difficult decisions had to be made, but thanked them for their work and assured them that his organization would honor those decisions. Mr. Solis echoed Mr. Seymour's sentiment about the importance of agility in investing in the needs of San Franciscans. He praised the remarkable support provided by OEWD, especially as the city was recovering from the pandemic. He expressed his commitment to ensuring that his organization would make the most of the investment received from OEWD. Mr. Solis concluded by thanking everyone involved.

Liana Lau, appearing by Zoom, is the Program Coordinator for the Community Youth Center Young Adult Work Link program. Miss Lau expressed her gratitude on behalf of the staff and participants. She thanked OEWD for their ongoing support to their program. Miss Lau highlighted the positive impact they were able to witness in their communities who greatly appreciated the resources made available through the funding. This year, they successfully served over 180 young adults, providing them with job readiness and skills development workshops, as well as personalized support in their job search from their staff. As a result, many youth and young adults secured employment placements. Miss Lau expressed her appreciation for OEWD's continuous support and acknowledged the positive effect it had on the city.

Kifer Hu, with Self-Help for the Elderly, appeared in person. Mr. Hu, Director of Employment Training and Economic Development, expressed gratitude to the OEWD for supporting the San Francisco community and workforce. Mr. Hu acknowledged OEWD's healthcare and hospitality assistance to the workforce. However, he inquired about potential opportunities for other industries in the city, wondering if there were additional prospects beyond healthcare and hospitality.

Member Williams posed a question and comment regarding the importance of focusing on historically Black and Brown communities such as Bayview-Hunters Point, the Fillmore, and the Mission. She expressed appreciation for Director Arce's previous remarks and requested further insights into Director Arce's thinking, vision, and the plans for their staff to uplift those communities that have been most affected during these challenging times.

Acting Chair Cotter solicited additional questions from the public and the Board members. Seeing none, public comment is closed. Acting Chair Cotter gave the floor to Director Arce to respond to public and member comments.

Director Arce expressed gratitude to the attendees, both in-person and online, for their participation and input. He noted that the feedback from members and the public would inform the upcoming weeks of the decision-making process involving the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Budget Office. Director Arce emphasized the readiness of OEWD to answer questions, make adjustments, and adapt to the evolving situation. He directed the WISF members to their mandatory oversight of the 12 WIOA grants by the body and encouraged specific feedback to ensure approval and secure federal funding.

Director Arce highlighted the significance of the community economic recovery hubs, which aim to address gaps in support and provide opportunities to individuals regardless of work authorization. He mentioned the allocation of \$2.6 million to support 4,000 individuals through initiatives led by the Latino Task Force and the Pacific Islander Resource Center. Director Arce discussed the importance of going beyond unemployment numbers and focusing on deeper impact and individual stories. He provided examples of collaboration with organizations like PRC and the Homeless Workforce Collaborative, emphasizing the alignment of their work with the needs of individuals exiting homelessness. Director Arce acknowledged the values embraced by the attendees and expressed their commitment to aligning with those values.

Member Lavery requested that Director summarize the request to approve the WIOA funded grants.

Director Arce summarized the allocation of \$4.6 million WIOA funds for FY 2023-24 for twelve grants distributing WIOA Adult, WIOA Young Adult, and WIOA Dislocated Worker funding and requested board approval.

Acting Cotter Chair solicited a motion to the Board to approve the twelve FY 2023-2024 WIOA funded grants. The motion was made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Lavery. Approval was unanimous.

**Public
Comment on
Non-Agenda
Items**
*(Discussion
Item)*

Acting Chair Cotter opened the floor for public comment. Seeing no public comment on non-agenda items, Acting Chair Cotter gave the floor to Director Arce to respond to public comment.

Director Arce addressed the question about opportunities for other grants in industries of opportunity and other options. He mentioned that there are a few more grants that will be made through a recent Request for Proposal (RFP) process, including unallocated grants and grants for hospitality and industries of opportunity. Director Arce also mentioned TechSF On-Ramp programs, which serve as a first step into the tech industry. Director Arce stated that these grants are expected to be finalized in the coming days. He emphasized that this is the next phase of the process, building on the foundation provided by the federal funding, and that they will await the outcomes of the board and mayor deliberations.

Member Tavaglione mentioned the upcoming meetings of the sub-regional tables for the Community Economic Resilience Fund program. She informed the attendees that the San Francisco sub-regional table will be meeting on June 27th at 11:00 AM via Zoom. She invited everyone to participate in some form or fashion and emphasized that the table will put together grant proposals, which will be submitted to the regional table comprising the nine Bay Area counties. From there, one or two proposals will be selected to be forwarded to the state. Member Tavaglione mentioned that labor is the co-convenor of the CERF sub-regional table. She encouraged everyone to join and collaborate to develop the best plans for San Francisco. Member Tavaglione also mentioned that they can provide more details about CERF if anyone has questions and emphasized the involvement of the Chinese Progressive Association as an additional co-convenor.

Member Batista suggested that the next meeting have an agenda item to discuss an update on economic recovery activities, such as the office vacancy rates and the overall macro picture. He mentioned that understanding the progress and themes related to the economy is important, considering the downstream impacts on various sectors such as restaurants, small businesses, retail, and transportation. He also noted the significance of revenue streams that contribute to the General Fund and the observed efforts to manage the budget cuts. Member Batista suggested having a comprehensive overview to gain a better understanding of the current situation.

Member Callander made a comment regarding the recent vote on the deficit by the federal government, specifically mentioning changes to the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) that will impact many Americans based on their age and employment status. He suggested that it would be worth exploring how the group can assist individuals in San Francisco who may be affected by these changes in the future.

Adjournment
(Action Item)

Acting Chair Cotter thanked all attendees for their participation. Acting Chair Cotter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Tavaglione made the motion, which was seconded by Member Williams. Approval was unanimous. Members adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.